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Dear Mr. MacLeod:

**TASKING LETTER FOR THE FALL 1997 MEDICAL MISSION**

You are tasked to support the Fall 1997 Medical Mission (98-1) as follows:

1. All principal medical examinations will be conducted at the DOE's medical facilities and/or the USAKA Hospital on Kwajalein Island between October 16 and November 14, 1997.
2. Additional examinations for the confined and home-bound infirmed will be offered at Mejjatto Island (10/20), Ebeye Island (11/03), Utrik Island (10/16-17), and Majuro Atoll (10/14-15). The home-visit team will consist of Dr. Ashok Vaswani (BNL), Helmer Emos (BNL), and Marie Laik (BN) at Mejjatto and Ebeye; A. Vaswani and M. Laik at Utrik; A. Vaswani, M. Laik, and Karina Aliven (BN) at Majuro. I will be available to assist the team in Majuro.
3. Please ensure all appropriate and relevant issues that were raised by Dr. Vaswani during the past few months have been addressed or remedied.
4. Coordinate with BNL staff to ensure a logistical and examination schedule for the patients is developed, implemented, and constantly monitored and adjusted, so as to maximize operational efficiency and minimize inconvenience to the patients invited to Kwajalein.
5. Please prepare travel orders and secure entry into Kwajalein, arrange all transportation to/from and within the Marshall Islands, plus per diem and related support for the BNL medical teams and RMI support staff, per schedules sent to you by BNL.
6. Obtain the services of one female nurse-translator and one male nurse-translator, one female medical translator, one male medical translator, all of whom should be Marshallese. In addition, obtain one dedicated U.S. nurse from Kwajalein, plus another staff nurse on an "as needed" basis.
7. Arrange for the publication and announcement of the schedule and of the main activity of the mission in the local media at Majuro and Kwajalein. Bilingual newspaper announcements should appear weekly from 10/03 until 10/17, and TV/radio spots should run daily from October 06-20, 1997. Any local requests for stories and publications on the mission should be referred to the DOE Mission Representative for an official response.
8. Ship and retrograde all necessary mission equipment and supplies per BNL's instructions.

9. Arrange logistical support (air/sea transportation, land transfers, per diem, billeting, facilities badges, etc.) as appropriate for the patients invited to Kwajalein, including those patients commuting from Ebeye Island. Ensure each invitee is given a packet of written information, translated into Marshallese, which describes the purpose of his/her visit to Kwajalein, and the principal rules/regulations governing Marshallese visitors. Specific information should be given on how to contact staff and what to do in the event of personnel emergencies, etc.
10. Hire the customary number of temporary support staff to recruit patients and/or to drive and transport the patients at all appropriate locations. It is particularly important because of past experience, for staff to assist those patients commuting to and from Ebeye Island.
11. Charter the USAKA vessel, the Great Bridge (LCU-2021) to transport patients on 10/20/97 from Mejjatto to Kwajalein, and on 10/29/97 from Kwajalein to Mejjatto.
12. Please support and arrange facilities for DOE to conduct town meetings as follows: Majuro-10/15; Ebeye-10/18; at 6:00pm on both evenings. We anticipate that up to fifty people will attend each meeting. Ensure this news is included in your public announcements.
13. Provide necessary logistic support to those patients referred, as a results of the mission, to Honolulu, for further medical evaluation and treatment.

There may be additional tasks in connection with the mission which will be assigned in supplemental letters.



William D. Jackson  
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